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SUBJECT: MAC MEETING AUGUST 27

JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE

REF: (A) SEOUL 6701; (B) STATE 211696; (C) SNEIDER-OPCEN

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1.RESTATEMENT OF CALL FOR PUNISHMENT AS GIVEN IN AUGUST 25

MAC MEETING IS AUTHORIZED. THUS ADD PARAGRAPH TO STATE-

MENT PROVIDED REFTEL B AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: THESE STEPS ABOVE RELATE TO THE FUTURE SAFETY AND

FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT OF PERSONNEL IN THE JOINT SECURITY

AREA. I MUST AGAIN REITERATE, HOWEVER, THAT THE FACT RE-

MAINS THAT TWO UNC OFFICERS WERE BRUTALLY BEATEN TO DEATH

WITHOUT PROVOCATION AND THAT FACT CALLS FOR THE PUNISHMENT

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OF THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS ACT. UNQUOTE.

2. AGREE TO RECOMMENDATION THAT STATEMENT REFER TO REMOVAL OF "KPA GUARDPOSTS", DROPPING WORD "TWO". ALSO, YOU WILL NOTE THAT AUTHORIZED STATEMENT EMPHASIZES THAT REMOVAL OF GUARD POSTS IS CALLED FOR PRIOR TO DISCUSSION BY SECRETARIES. IF NORTH KOREANS INDICATE THEY RELATE REMOVAL OF THEIR GUARDPOSTS IN OUR AREA TO TOTAL AGREEMENT ON NEW ARRANGEMENTS, YOU MUST THEN AT A MINIMUM GET THEIR

AGREEMENT THAT THE ARRANGEMENTS WILL PROVIDE FOR THE REMOVAL, NOTING THAT OUR SIDE HAS NO GUARDPOST ON NORTHERN SIDE.

3. WE CANNOT ACCEPT CHANGES IN PARA 8 REF A. ASSURANCES OF SAFETY, WHICH WE ALREADY HAVE CALLED FOR, WOULD INCLUDE CONCEPT OF NO PHYSICAL CONTACT. IN ADDITION, IT WOULD BE INCONSISTENT IN THIS PORTION OF STATEMENT TO ASK FOR GUARANTEE OF FREEDOM OF ACTIVITY OF ALL UNC PERSONNEL SINCE LATER IN STATEMENT WE INDICATE WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER PROPOSAL TO RESTRICT MOVEMENT OF GUARD PERSONNEL OF BOTH SIDES. WITH RESPECT TO FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT NORTH OF LINE FOR NON-SECURITY PERSONNEL, WE BELIEVE THIS IS ESSENTIAL PORTION OF OUR STATEMENT. EVEN IF IT IS CURRENT PRACTICE FOR ONLY UNC SECURITY PERSONNEL TO GO NORTH OF MDL, IT IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY FOR US TO MAINTAIN PRINCIPLE OF ACCESS TO THIS AREA OF JSA IN ORDER TO PRESERVE STATUS OF JSA AS JOINT AND NEUTRAL AREA. AS ENVISAGED IN OUR STATEMENT DETAILED ARRANGEMENTS IN THIS REGARD STILL SUBJECT TO AGREEMENT BY THE SECRETARIES AND THIS WILL GIVE OPPORTUNITY TO ENSURE THAT THERE ARE NO INEQUITIES.

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